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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Sir:

The Applicant would like to make the following remarks in response to the Notice of Allowance and "Reasons" therein mailed January 3, 2005.

The Examiner stated on page 2 of the "Notice of Allowability" that "Kuroda (US 4,414,369) teaches the ethylene polymer compositions in Examples 1-6 prepared by the same method as those disclosed in the applicants specification". Applicant wishes to point out that the working examples in Kuroda exemplify the production of polyethylenes in two, cascading reactors (e.g., "first stage reactor", col. 10, line 2; "second stage vessel", col. 10, line 10; and "two stage polymerization", col. 10, line 11). Applicant's

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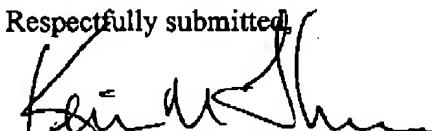


specification, on the other hand, teaches that this is but one way to make the polyethylene compositions of the invention, one embodiment of which that is exemplified being the use of a single reactor. In any event, the claims of Applicant's invention are not necessarily limited to any such process.

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